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SUBJECT: INTERPRETATION OF CAIRO AGREEMENTS

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1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED A COPY (IN ARABIC) OF WHAT IS ALLEGED TO BE THE TEXT OF THE DEFINITIVE INTERPRETATION OF THE CAIRO ACCORDS OF 1969, AS APPROVED BY THE QUADRIPARTITE COMMITTEE IN FEBRUARY, 1977. IT IS GENERALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH EARLIER NEWS STORIES ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT WE CANNOT VOUCH FOR ITS AUTHENTICITY. ONE COPY IS BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH TO NEA/ARN.

2. THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE FEDAYEEN ARE TO BE COORDINATED THROUGH A SINGLE CENTRAL OFFICE.

B. ONLY PALESTINIANS WHO BELONG TO ORGANIZATIONS

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RECOGNIZED BY THE HEAD OF THE PLO (THE IS, THOSE UNDER THE PLO UMBRELLA) WILL BE CONSIDERED "FEDAYEEN" AND HAVE THE RIGHTS ACCORDED TO FEDAYEEN IN THIS AGREEMENT. SUCH PERSONS MUST CARRY APPROPRIATE ID CARDS INCLUDING PICTURES.

C. THE ONLY NON-PALESTINIANS WHO ARE ALLOWED TO

BELONG TO PLO GROUPS IN LEBANON ARE CERTAIN KINDS OF
NON-COMBATANTS, SUCH AS DOCTORS AND INTERPRETERS.

D. FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY IS DEFINED AS CLANDESTINE
MILITARY ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN AGAINST THE ISRAELI ENEMY
INSIDE OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

E. FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS ARE DEFINED AS THOSE
OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE HEAD OF THE PLO AND SO
DESIGNATED BY HIM IN WRITING, INCLUDING THE NAME OF THE
CHIEF AND HIS DEPUTY OF EACH.

F. PALESTINIANS WHO WERE IN LEBANON ON OR
BEFORE NOVEMBER 3, 1969, AND WHO HAVE UNRWA ID CARDS
ISSUED ON OR BEFORE THAT DATE, HAVE THE RIGHT TO WORK,
RESIDE AND TRAVEL IN LEBANON ACCORDING TO LEBANESE LAW
GOVERNING REFUGEES.

G. THOSE WHO DO NOT FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY
WILL BE SUBJECT TO (NORMAL) LEBANESE LAW AND
REGULATIONS.

H. THE INHABITANTS OF EACH REFUGEE CAMP SHALL
FORM COMMITTEES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE HEAD
OF THE PLO TO LOOK AFTER THE AFFAIRS OF THE CAMP.
THESE COMMITTEES WILL COOPERATE WITH LOCAL LEBANESE
AUTHORITIES.

I. A POLICE POST WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN EACH
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CAMP MANNED BY THE ARMED STRUGGLE COMMAND (THE
PALESTINIAN POLICE FORCE) AND COMMANDED BY AN OFFICER.
FIVE POLICEMEN ARE AUTHORIZED FOR EVERY 1,000
INHABITANTS OF THE CAMP. (IN EMBASSY'S COPY OF THIS
DOCUMENT, THE FIGURE "2" IS WRITTEN IN ABOVE THE WORD
"FIVE" IN THE PRINTED TEXT.) THESE POLICE WILL BE
ARMED ONLY WITH LIGHT HAND-HELD WEAPONS AND SHALL
COOPERATE WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES IN APPLYING
LEBANESE LAW IN THE CAMPS.

J. THE CAMPS MAY ORGANIZE THEMSELVES FOR
DEFENSE AGAINST THE "FOREIGN ENEMY." THE MILITIA
ORGANIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE CANNOT EXCEED 100 MEN ARMED
WITH HAND-HELD WEAPONS AND A MAXIMUM OF TEN MACHINE
GUNS. THE POLICE POST WILL STORE AND GUARD THE ARMS
OF THIS MILITIA AND WILL NOT RELEASE THEM UNLESS
AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY A RESPONSIBLE LEADER WHEN AN
ATTACK SEEMS LIKELY.

K. FEDAYEEN ARE NOT ALLOWED OUTSIDE THE BORDER AREAS ALLOCATED TO THEM EXCEPT FOR THE ARMED POLICE WHO ARE PERMITTED IN THE CAMPS. WHEN TRAVELING, THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR UNIFORMS OR CARRY ARMS AND NO ARMS OR AMMUNITION CAN BE TRANSPORTED OR STORED EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS. A SERIES OF SPECIAL REGULATIONS IS INCLUDED, GOVERNING THE MOVEMENTS OF THE TOP PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP, AUTHORIZING THEM TO CARRY THEIR WEAPONS UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, AND RULES GOVERNING RESUPPLY AND MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR PALESTINIAN UNITS HAVE ALSO BEEN SPELLED OUT.

L. ONLY ONE MILITARY TRAINING CENTER IS AUTHORIZED AT A PLACE TO BE DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE TYPES OF ARMS THAT MAY BE USED THERE.

M. ALL FEDAYEEN MEDIA ACTIVITY MUST BE CLEARED IN ADVANCE.
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NO INTERNAL RADIO STATION IS ALLOWED.

N. PALESTINIAN ACTIVITY AND INFLUENCE IN LEBANESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS -- POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC -- IS SEVERELY LIMITED.

2. COMMENT: THE DOCUMENT WE HAVE RECEIVED CONTAINS A NUMBER OF BLANKS, SUGGESTING THAT IT IS A WORKING PAPER, PERHAPS THE ONE PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT SARKIS AND BRIGADIER MUSA KANAAN TO THE QUADRIPARTITE COMMITTEE. IT THIS DOCUMENT IS VALID, IT IS A VICTORY FOR LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY SINCE IT SEVERELY RESTRICTS PLO ACTIVITY IN LEBANON. REPORTS DURING THE PAST WEEK, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THE PLO LEADERSHIP IS ALREADY WORKING TO HAVE SOME OF THE MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS EASED.

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